

This bill is supported by the administration and by a diverse group of conservation leaders, including the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, World Wildlife Fund, Wildlife Conservation Society, and many other organizations.

H.R. 4320 is noncontroversial and should be supported by all Members.

I urge an "aye" vote on this important conservation legislation.

Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I have no further requests for time, and I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Utah (Mr. HANSEN) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill, H.R. 4320, as amended.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds having voted in favor thereof) the rules were suspended and the bill, as amended, was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. HANSEN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks, and to include extraneous material on H.R. 2348, H.R. 3291, and H.R. 4320, the three bills just considered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Utah?

There was no objection.

RECOGNIZING IMPORTANCE OF CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES AND SUPPORTING GOALS AND IDEAS OF NATIONAL YOUTH DAY

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and agree to the concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 375) recognizing the importance of children in the United States and supporting the goals and ideas of National Youth Day, as amended.

The Clerk read as follows:

H. CON. RES. 375

Whereas national evidence indicates that America's youth are faced with oppressive issues, such as violence, drugs, abuse, and even family stress, causing the future of the youth of the United States, and therefore the future of the Nation, to be at risk;

Whereas youth in America, regardless of their economic status, ethnic or cultural heritage, or geographic location, are experiencing the pressures caused by contemporary society;

Whereas although Americans realize the challenges of today's busy lifestyles and balancing work schedules and youth activities, they remain committed to education, physical fitness, and civic-mindedness;

Whereas it is imperative that the people of the United States act willfully and purposely to secure a positive future for the Nation by devoting time to youth, sharing traditions, and communicating values to children in an effort to sustain ongoing relationships with caring adults;

Whereas America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth, led by General Colin L. Powell, United States Army (retired), is one of the Nation's most comprehensive nonprofit organizations dedicated to building and strengthening the character and competence of youth by mobilizing the Nation to fulfill the organization's "Five Promises" for young people:

- (1) ongoing relationships with caring adults;
- (2) safe places with structured activities during nonschool hours;
- (3) a healthy start and future;
- (4) marketable skills through effective education; and
- (5) opportunities to give back through community service;

Whereas the citizens of the United States will celebrate American Youth Day and encourage all youth organizations to participate annually on a Saturday near the beginning of the school year; and

Whereas American Youth Day will provide opportunities for America's youth to reclaim the values which foster trust and build better communication and which will encourage parents, grandparents, and extended families to recognize the importance of being involved in the physical and emotional lives of their children: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives (the Senate concurring), That the Congress—

- (1) recognizes the importance of youth to the future of the United States;
- (2) supports the goals and ideas of American Youth Day; and
- (3) encourages the people of the United States to participate in local and national activities that seek to fulfill the Five Promises to America's youth, as established by America's Promise—The Alliance for Youth.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING) and a member of the minority each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GOODLING).

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members may have 5 legislative days within which to revise and extend their remarks on House Concurrent Resolution 375.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Pennsylvania?

There was no objection.

Mr. GOODLING. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of House Concurrent Resolution 375, offered by my colleague, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM).

House Concurrent Resolution 375 recognizes the importance of children and supports the goals and ideas of American youth today. This resolution enjoys bipartisan support, and I am pleased to have the opportunity today to speak on behalf of it.

America's young people, regardless of their economic status, ethnic heritage, or geographic location are faced every day with difficult problems, such as violence, drug abuse, and even family stress.

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Unfortunately, these problems also put the future of our youth and Nation

at risk. Yet, these same young people are the key to the future of our country. They will eventually be making decisions that will not only affect current generations, but many generations to follow.

Accordingly, the people of the United States should act purposefully to help secure a positive future for the Nation by devoting time to our youth, sharing traditions and communicating moral values to our children.

One organization dedicated to helping our youth and getting adults involved in the lives of children and young people is America's Promise, the Alliance for Youth. This nonprofit organization chaired by General Colin Powell is devoted to strengthening the character and competence of children through the fulfillment of five promises.

These five promises are: every young person deserves ongoing relationships with caring adults; secondly, every young person deserves safe places with structured activities during nonschool hours; third, every young person deserves a healthy start and future; fourth, every young person deserves marketable skills through effective education; and, fifth, every young person deserves opportunities to give back through community service.

Mr. Speaker, research on the impact of these five promises is compelling. Studies show that children and young people who are guided by these promises are less likely to engage in negative behaviors. In fact, children that have mentors or adults involved in their lives are 46 percent less likely to start using drugs, 27 percent less likely to start using alcohol, 33 percent less likely to hit or strike others, and 53 percent less likely to skip school.

Mr. Speaker, this concurrent resolution is very simple and straightforward. It rightfully recognizes the importance of our Nation's children. It supports the goals and ideals of Youth Day. American Youth Day will help to provide opportunities for America's youth to reclaim the values that foster trust and the building of better relationships with adults and others.

American Youth Day will also serve to encourage parents, grandparents, and extended families to be actively involved in the physical and emotional lives of their children, grandchildren and others.

I commend the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM) for his leadership on the matter, and I urge my colleagues to vote in support of the resolution.

Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume, and I rise to support the legislation.

Mr. Speaker, this is a legislative initiative offered by a member of my committee, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. MCCOLLUM), chairman of the Subcommittee on Crime. I am an original